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Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2). This application is scheduled to issue on September 7, 2004.

The Applicants are filing a Request for Continued Examination Application (RCE) and a new information disclosure statement concurrently so that documents that recently came to the Applicants' attention in a Supplementary Partial European Search Report may be considered.

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